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Message from the Chair



I am proud to announce the release of the Victorian Catchment Management Authorities 2026 Snapshot.

It gives us a chance to promote the diverse and crucial role of CMAs in delivering outcomes for healthy and resilient

catchments.

This year has been another eventful but successful period for our CMAs. Despite an array of challenges our CMAs have continued to get on with the job of building resilience within our catchments and communities. This year's report is another showcase of the collective effort of our CMAs and the benefits our work delivers.

Across the state, Victoria's ten Catchment Management Authorities (CMAs) deliver projects on the ground, with great results.

Take a read of our 2026 achievements to see how together, we revitalise waterways, protect natural habitats, improve agricultural productivity, manage flood risks, and deliver place-based initiatives shaped by the needs of each catchment.

Thank you to our partners and communities for working together with CMAs to achieve these amazing outcomes.

Happy Reading

Peter Hilbig
Chair
Vic Catchments



Victorian CMA's 2026 Snapshot

Place shapes us and every catchment tells a different story

Together we are making your place better through healthier landscapes more productive land, safer, better-managed waterways with thriving communities working together.

Across Victoria, CMAs work with communities to protect and enhance the places we call home, turning local knowledge into local action.

Every catchment is different and so is every solution.

That's why your local CMA exists and is also part of something bigger.

Our latest Snapshot highlights the impact of Victoria's ten CMAs delivering local, place-based action over the past year.

Here is the link to the Snapshot: [Victorian CMA's 2026 Snapshot](#)



Place gives us common ground

Strong catchments are built through strong partnerships.

Here in Victoria, we're proud to work alongside Traditional Owners, landholders, community members and future environmental stewards to care for the places we all call home. This is our unique way of working.

In 2026, CMAs across Victoria connected with more than 74,000 partners through 621 partnerships turning local knowledge into local action.

Our latest snapshot shares our impact over the past year to care for the places you call home.

Thriving communities working together

74,947 partners, landholders,
community members and kids
engaged in caring for our
catchments

621 partnerships

226 plans developed

1,331 new public publications

Place matters. So do healthy waterways

Healthier landscapes

779,743 hectares protected
58,914 hectares of weed control
2,502 hectares of vegetation
41 threatened species supported

And they don't happen by chance. There's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes at your local CMA to protect the rivers, creeks and waterways we love, rely on and enjoy.

Last year Victoria's CMAs provided more than 10,500 approvals and advice services and assessed over 4,000 waterway sites.

At over 50 per day, this all adds up to one united effort to help keep catchments healthy, resilient and safe.

Place is our source of strength

Supporting healthy, productive farms is good for us all.

In 2026, we worked to help improve over 10,500 hectares of agricultural management.

This means 637 hectares of improved grazing regimes and better outcomes for the people and places where we live.

More productive land

10,566 hectares under improved
agricultural management

637 hectares with improved
grazing regimes

We're about healthier landscapes in the places you live.

Across the state, CMAs turn knowledge, connection, and balance into on ground action. to improve landscapes.

In 2026 we:

- Protected over 774, 700 hectares of landscapes
- Controlled weeds over almost 60,000 hectares
- Planted over 2,500 hectares.

This work is an investment in all our futures.

Ongoing efforts to protect catchments keep environments healthy and save money for Victoria

Safer and better managed waterways

10,619 approvals and
advice provided
4,115 assessments undertaken

Communique

The Vic Catchments communique is produced quarterly following our Vic Catchments Meeting, it aims to keep you up to date with what is happening with Vic Catchments, priority projects, partnership projects and links to key updates.

If there are other people who would like to receive the communique, please direct them to the communique page on our website [Vic Catchments | Communiqués](#), for past issues and to sign up.

Or send Belinda an email: belinda.brennan@viccatchments.com.au and she will be happy to add you to the list.

Vic Catchments Website

If you are wanting to know more about Vic Catchments, our people, our projects, our partners and our achievement, please check out our website [Vic Catchments | Home](#)



Upcoming Events

Tuesday 10th November 2026: Vic Catchments Fire Workshop

Thursday 19th November 2026: Vic Catchments Forum

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We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country we work on and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging